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SUMMARY. AT NATO CAUCUS MARCH 11, NORWEGIANS REITERATED THEIR CONCERNS OVER EC DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATING TO JOINT EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SOURCES. THEY WERE SUPPORTED BY CANADA, GREECE, TURKEY AND U.S. SIGNIFICANTLY ABBREVIATED OPERATIVE LANGUAGE WAS WORKED OUT IN THE MEETING AND WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN MARCH 14 AFTER CONSULTING CAPITALS. FRENCH ALREADY HAVE INDICATED RESERVATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. HEAD OF NORWEGIAN CSCE DELEGATION ANNOUNCED AT COMMITTEE II CAUCUS MARCH 11 THAT NORWAY WAS STILL UNSATISFIED WITH CHANGES AGREED TO BY EC IN EC DRAFT RESOLUTION OF FEB. 27 ON PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST (DRAFT CARRIED TO DEPT. BY TELLEN OF EUR/RPM MARCH 5).

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CANADA, GREECE AND US WENT ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING

NORWEGIAN DESIRE FOR MORE GENERALIZED LANGUAGE AND SOME EC COUNTRIES SEEMED MORE RECEPTIVE THAN PREVIOUSLY TO NORWEGIAN PROBLEMS, PRESUMABLY AS RESULT OF NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIONS IN NATO CAPITALS.

2. NORWEGIANS CALLED FOR FURTHER REVISION OF PARAS 4 AND 6 OF EC DRAFT. THE PROPOSED FOLLOWING FOR PARA 4:

"RECOMMEND TO INTERESTED STATES, IF THEY SO WISH, TO CONSIDER UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN PROSPECTING AND EXPLOITING PETROLEUM AND OTHER MINERAL RESOURCES AND RAW MATERIALS CAN TAKE PLACE."

3. WAS ALSO AGREED TO SEND TO CAPITALS FOR REVIEW FOLLOWING NEW LANGUAGE FOR PARA 6, SUGGESTED ON PERSONAL BASIS BY UK AND US DELS. PARA 5 WOULD PROBABLY BE DROPPED IF THIS WERE ADOPTED.

"RECOMMEND THAT PARTICIPATING STATES INTERESTED IN PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION IN THE RELEVANT FIELDS AND CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT VENTURES OR CONSORTIA FOR UNDERTAKING SUCH PROJECTS."

4. DUTCH IMMEDIATELY INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT THESE PROPOSALS. WE THINK UK MIGHT ALSO BUT FRENCH, FRG AND BELGIUM SEEM TO REGARD IT AS INSUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC. CAUCUS WILL MEET AGAIN MARCH 14.

5. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK INFORMALLY TO SECURE ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE WHICH MEETS OBJECTIVES OUTLINED PARA 5 OF REFTTEL.

6. FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR MARCH 14 MEETING NOT ESSENTIAL. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED WE WILL ASSUME WE DO NOT NEED TO PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST IN OVERALL RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION (STATE 10233). WE NO LONGER HAVE SUPPORT IN NATO ON THE ISSUE AND, AS POINTED OUT IN GENEVA A-51 AND 1010, QUESTION HAS LOST ITS SIGNIFICANCE. DALE

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